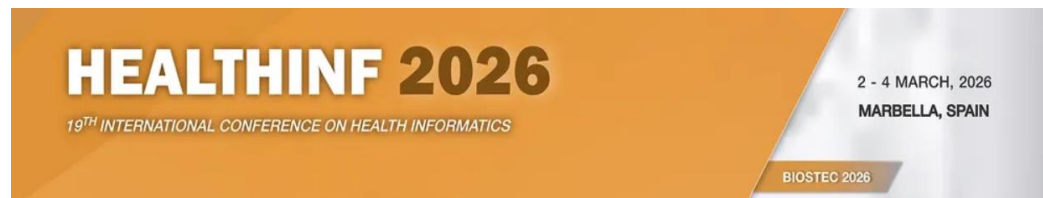


---

# A Comprehensive Infrastructure and Methodology for Multi-Modal Data Acquisition to Empower AI-based Rehabilitation

---

Katerina Tzatzimaki, Nick Portokallidis, George Drosatos,  
Eleni Kaldoudi and Stylianos Didaskalou



Presented by

Katerina Tzatzimaki

*Athena Research Center, Greece  
Democritus University of Thrace, Greece  
ThrombUS+ Horizon Project*

# Limitations Affecting Real-World AI Rehabilitation Systems

---

**Why do AI-based rehabilitation systems struggle transitioning from research environments to clinical practice?**

- ✓ Unstable sensor synchronization
- ✓ Drift and anatomical misalignment
- ✓ Inconsistent exercise labeling
- ✓ Poor dataset reproducibility

***Reliable AI requires reliable, synchronized and anatomically consistent data.***

# Bridging Accuracy and Real-World Deployability

---

## Optical Systems

- High spatiotemporal precision
- Laboratory controlled environment
- Limited scalability for home use



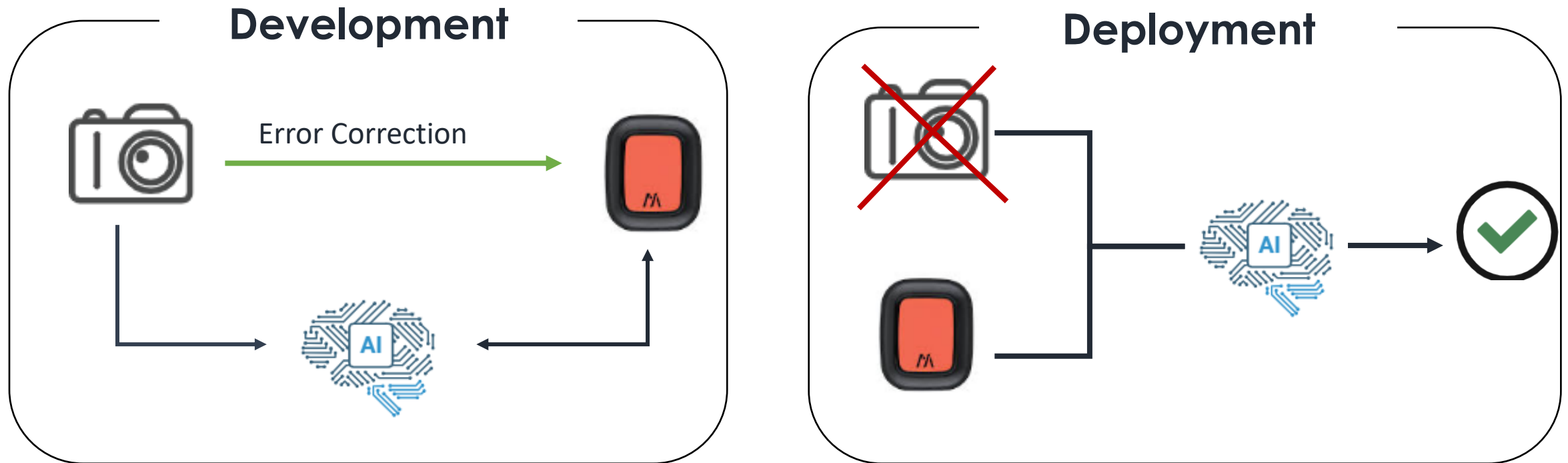
## Wearable sensors (IMUs)

- Real world deployable sensing
- Cost effective and portable
- Susceptive to drift and alignment errors



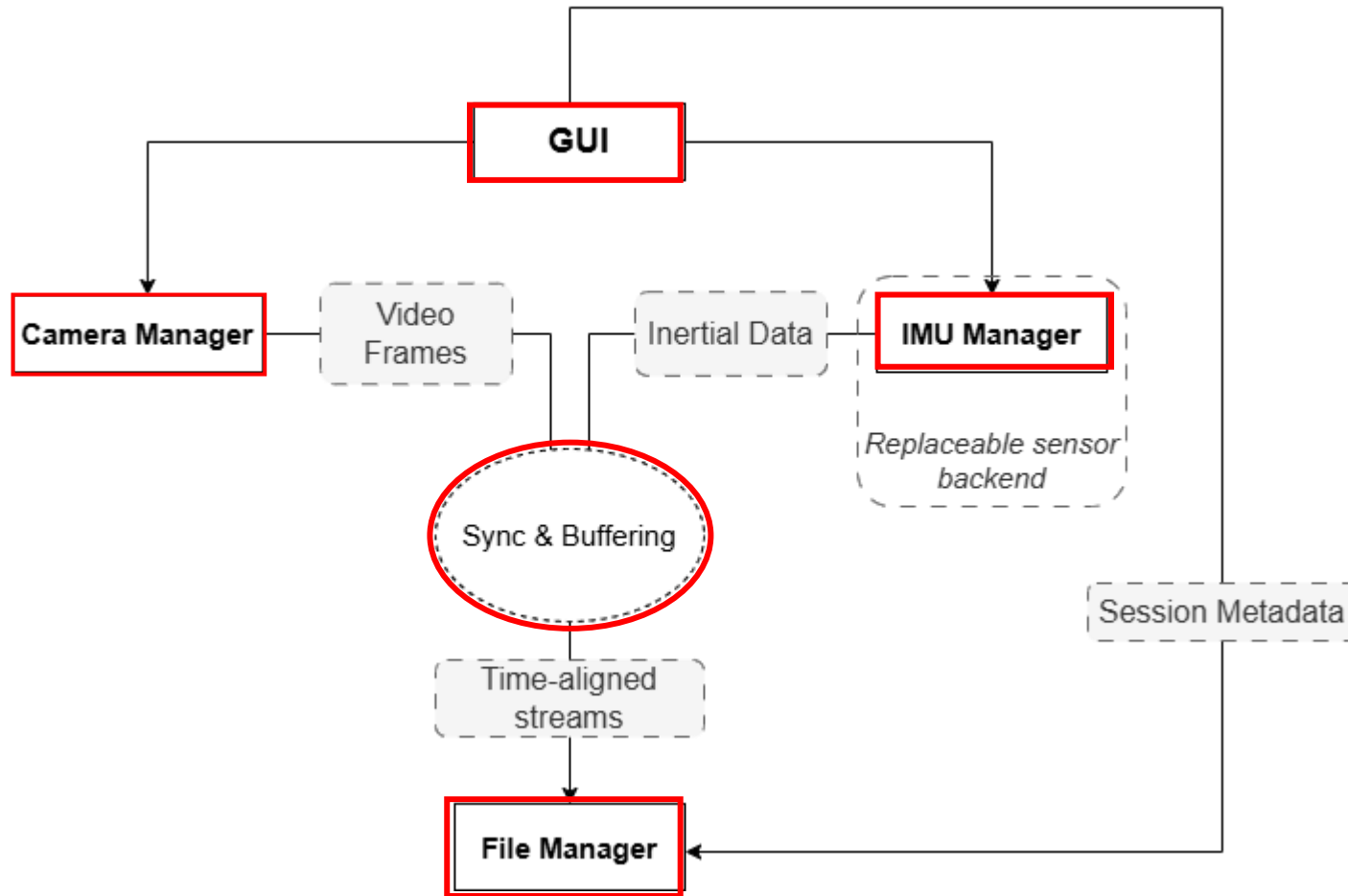
**Multimodal synchronization bridges accuracy and scalability**

# From Multimodal Supervision to Sensor-Only Development



Multi-modal data collection is the bridge to reliable AI models for unsupervised recovery.

# Recording Studio – System Architecture



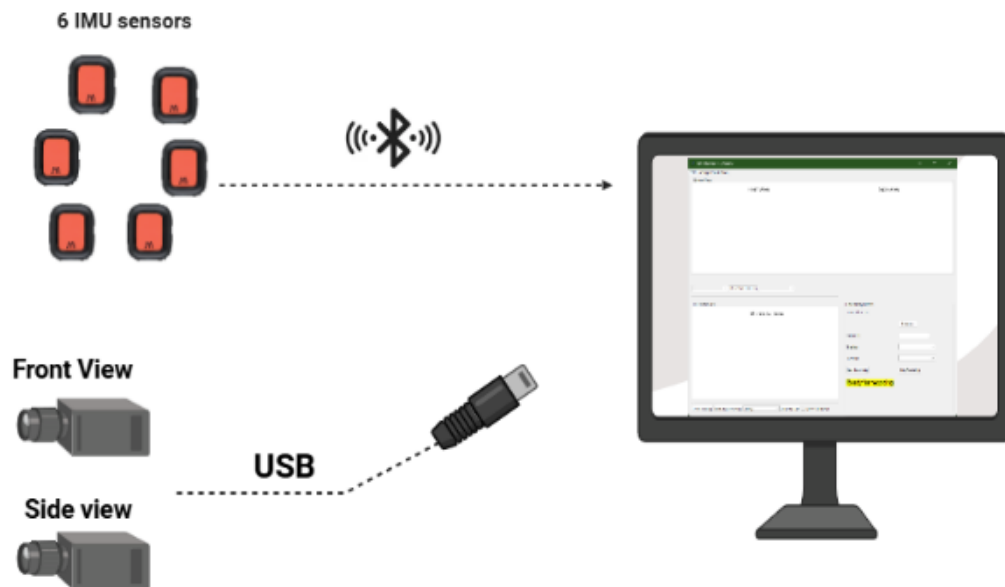
✓ **Centralized Control Layer**  
GUI-based configuration and session management

✓ **Concurrent Multi-stream Acquisition**  
Event driven concurrent multi-stream acquisition

✓ **Time aligned Dataset generation**  
Buffered synchronization before storage

✓ **Replaceable Sensor Backend**  
IMU Manager can be adapted to different wearable devices

# Recording Studio - Multimodal Recording and Data Export



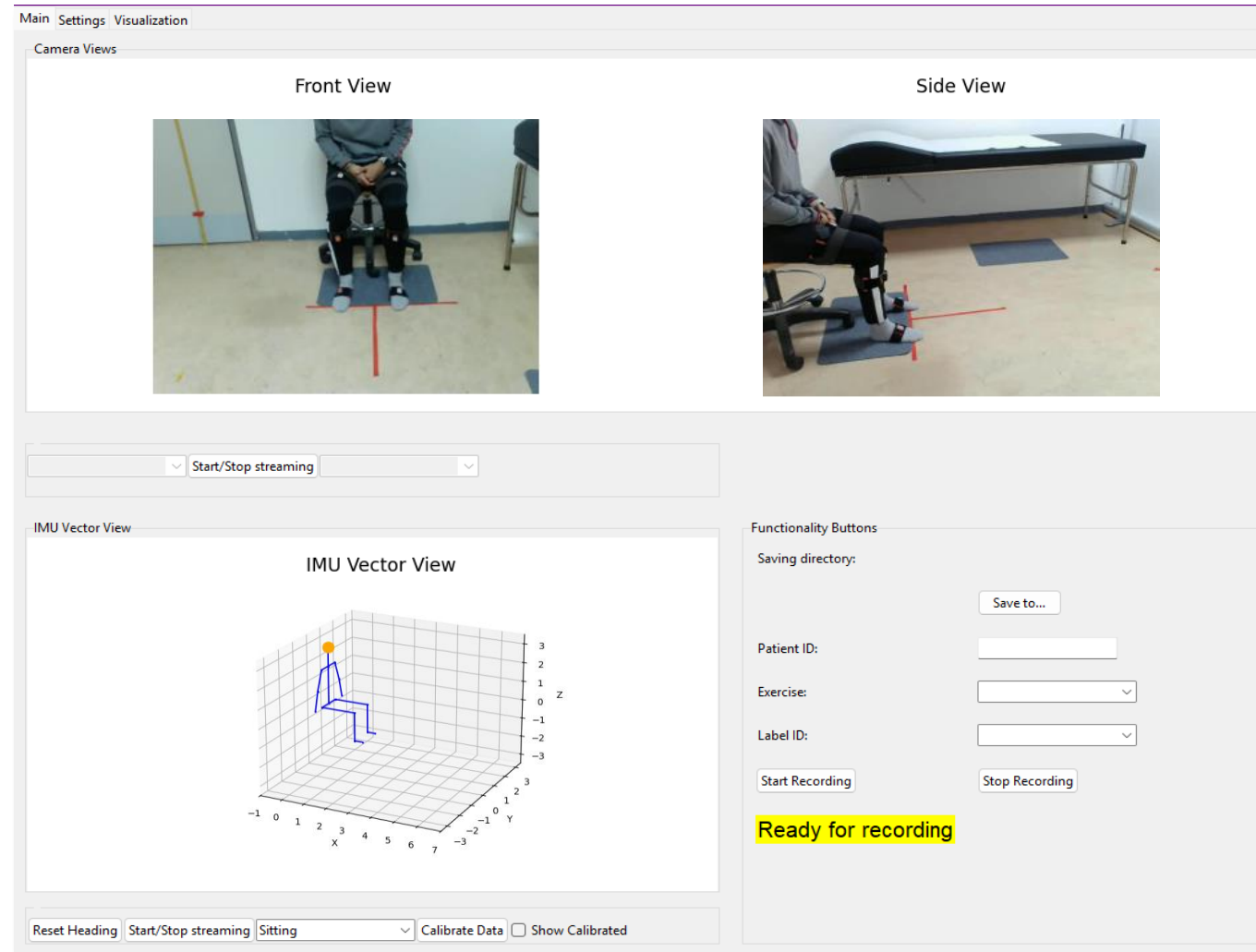
- Six Movella DOTs concurrent BLE streaming with synchronized inertial timestamps.
- Frontal and lateral optical recording for multimodal supervision.

- Frame - rate alignment:  
30 Hz inertial sampling & 30 fps video capture.
- Structured dataset export:  
IMU data (.csv and .txt format) and  
dual-camera recordings (.mp4 format)

| Patient ID                                              | Posture | Exercise    | Label ID | Repetition | Timestamp       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|----------|------------|-----------------|
| GR1_007                                                 | Lying   | Ankle-Pumps | CL_01    |            | 20251113_111329 |
| GR1_007_Lying_Ankle-Pumps_CL_01_20251113_111329         |         |             |          |            |                 |
| GR1_007_Lying_Ankle-Pumps_CL_01_20251113_111329_camera1 |         |             |          |            |                 |
| GR1_007_Lying_Ankle-Pumps_CL_01_20251113_111329_camera2 |         |             |          |            |                 |

# Integrated Control and Visualization Environment

## Main Tab



# Integrated Control and Visualization Environment

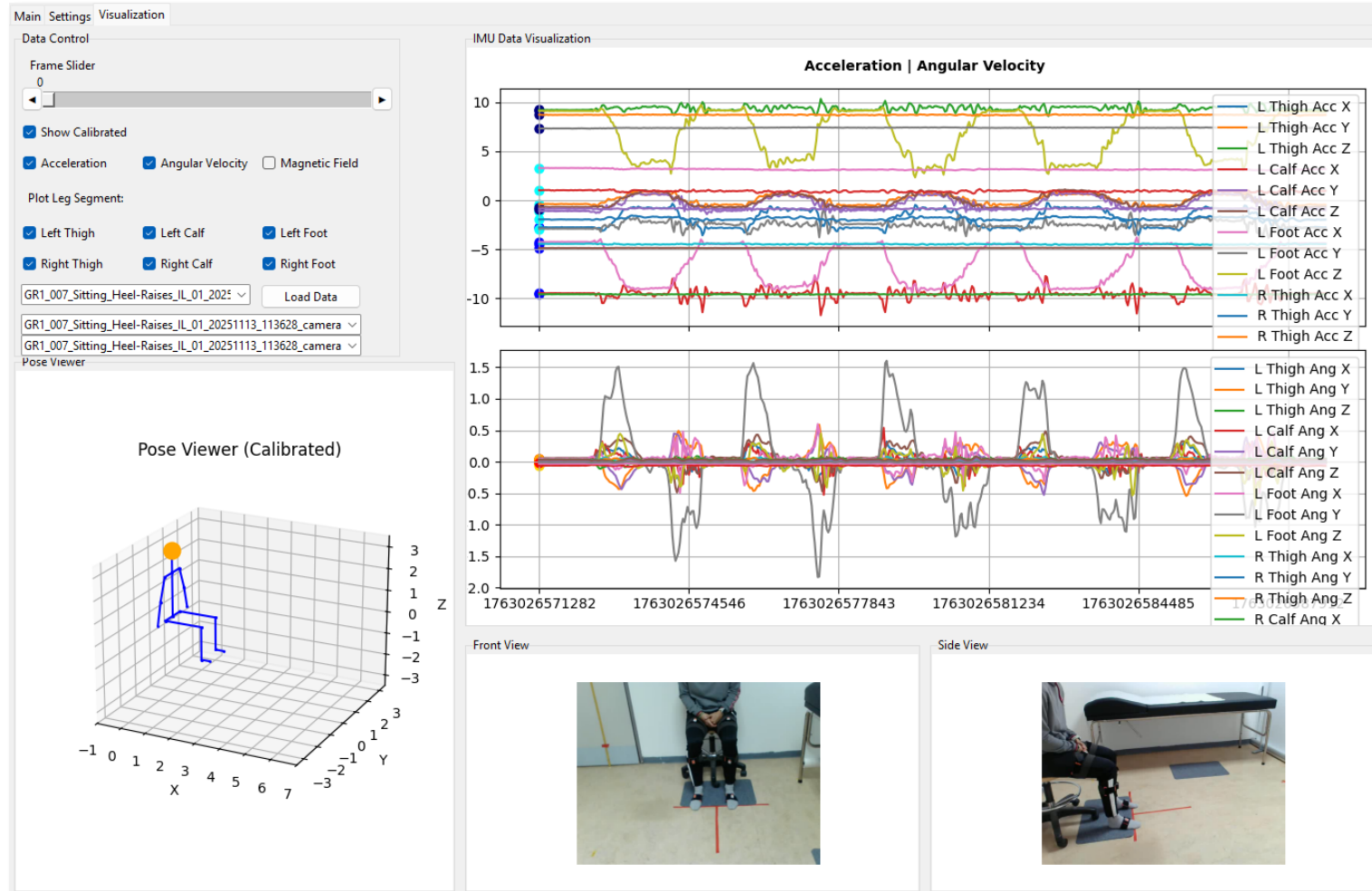
## Settings Tab

The screenshot displays the 'Settings' tab of the 'Integrated Control and Visualization Environment'. The interface is organized into several functional panels:

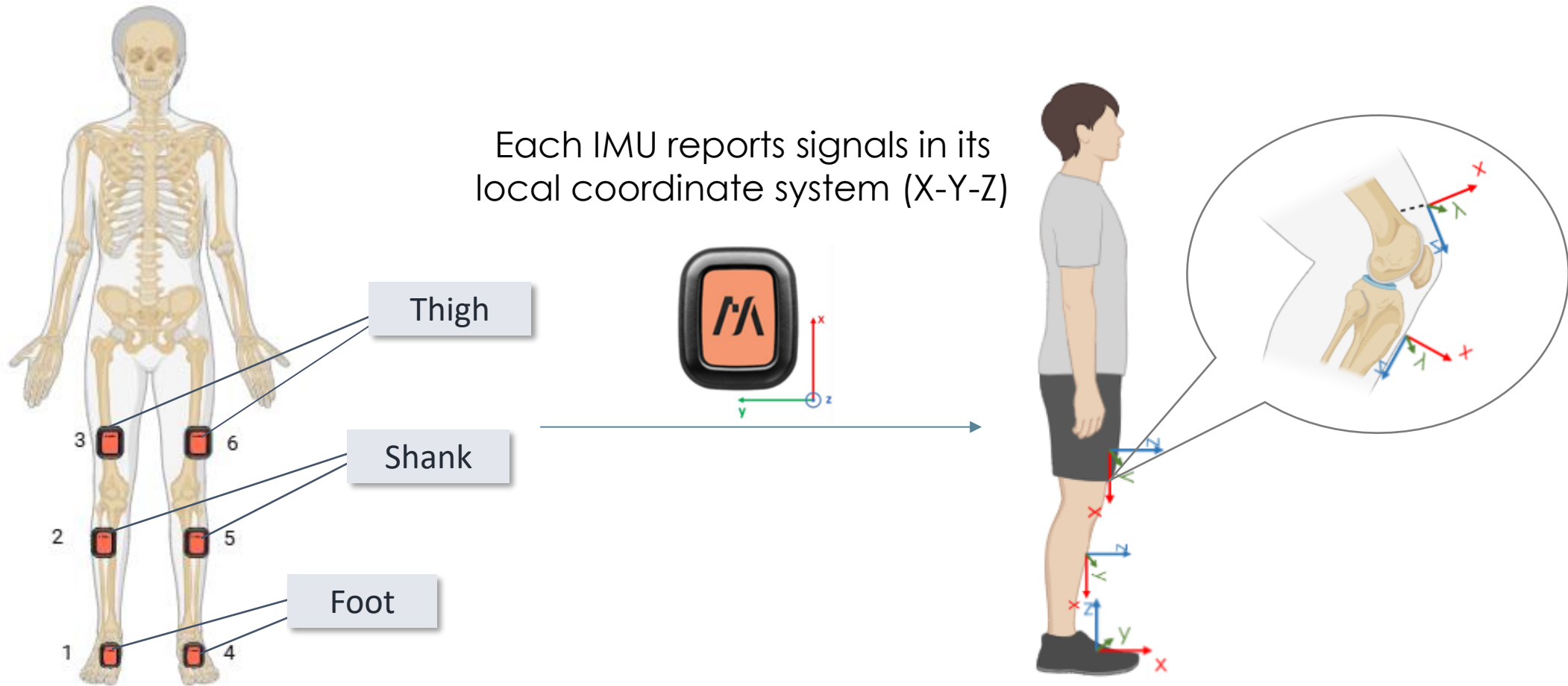
- IMU Sensor Control:** Features a dropdown menu currently set to '60', and three buttons labeled 'Connect Sensors', 'Disconnect Sensors', and 'Sync Sensors'.
- IMU Sensors Configuration:** Contains six dropdown menus for 'Left Thigh', 'Left Calf', 'Left Foot', 'Right Thigh', 'Right Calf', and 'Right Foot', all of which are currently set to 'None'. Below these are 'Lock configuration' and 'Unlock configuration' buttons.
- Camera Sensor Status:** Includes two buttons, 'Read Cameras' and 'Disconnect Cameras'.
- WebSocket Live Streaming:** Has an unchecked checkbox for 'Enable WebSocket server'. It also displays 'Status: Stopped' in red text, 'Clients: 0', and 'URL: ws://localhost:8185'.
- IMU Sensors Status:** A large, empty rectangular area intended for sensor status data.
- Terminal:** Located on the right side, it includes 'Clear' and 'Save...' buttons, a checked 'Enable Terminal' checkbox, and a large text area for command-line output.

# Integrated Control and Visualization Environment

## Visualization Tab



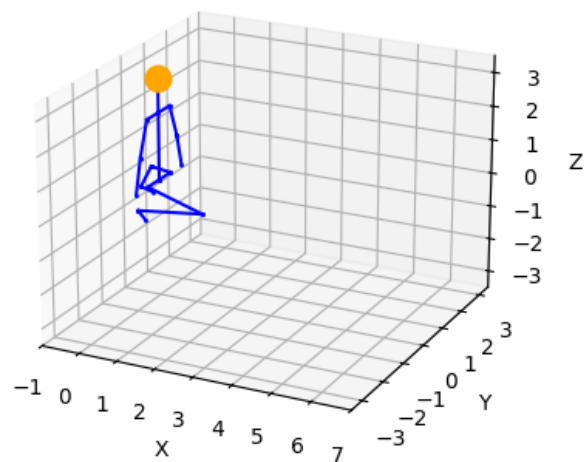
# Sensor Placement and Coordinate System Mapping



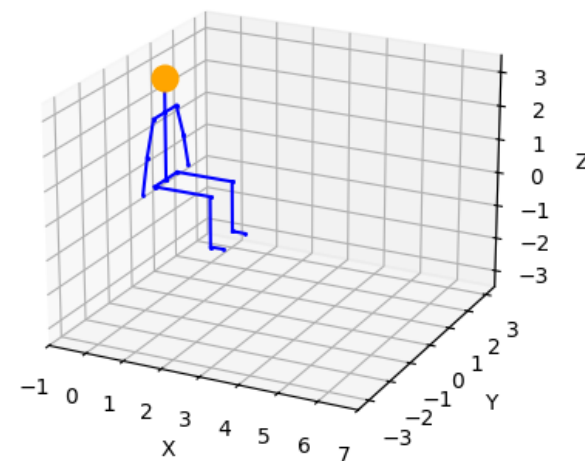
Reliable kinematic estimation requires consistent sensor-to-segment alignment across all local coordinate systems.

# Static calibration for Anatomically Consistent 3D Pose

*Before (Uncalibrated)*



*After (Calibrated)*



$$q' = q_{calib}^{-1} * q$$

**Static Calibration:** aligns local sensor frames to anatomical segment references through quaternion normalization.

# Temporal Consistency Across Six IMUs

---

$33.4 \pm 0.5$  ms

Mean sampling interval  
 $N \approx 6,000$

$<0.004\%$

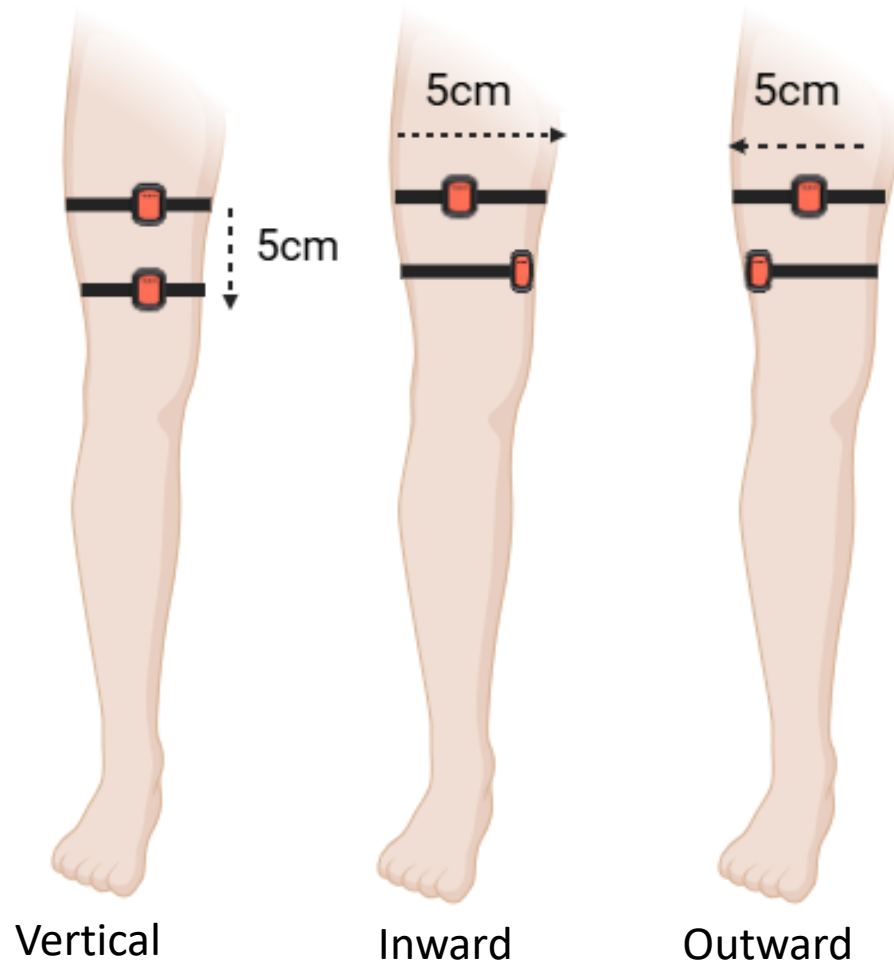
Packet Loss

$29.9 \pm 0.2$  Hz

Experimental Frame Rate  
(Target: 30Hz)

Stable concurrent BLE streaming under multimodal acquisition conditions.

# Impact of Sensor Misplacement on Acceleration



## Vertical Misplacement (5cm) ↓

**RMSE X:**  $0.045 \pm 0.025$  g (*static gravitational component*)

**RMSE Y:**  $0.039 \pm 0.020$  g

**RMSE Z:**  $0.10 \pm 0.06$  g

**PAE Z:** 0.2608 g

## Inward Lateral Misplacement (5cm) ←

**RMSE X:**  $0.104 \pm 0.083$  g

**RMSE Y:**  $0.0055 \pm 0.090$  g

**RMSE Z:**  $0.243 \pm 0.307$  g

**PAE Z:** 0.938 g

## Outward Lateral Misplacement (5cm) →

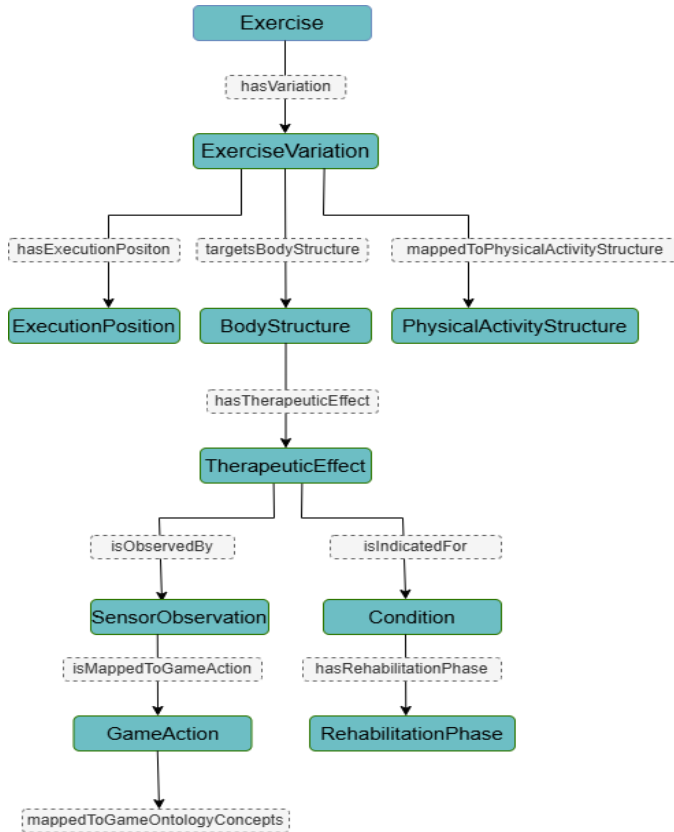
**RMSE X:**  $0.0735 \pm 0.057$  g

**RMSE Y:**  $0.079 \pm 0.148$  g

**RMSE Z:**  $0.131 \pm 0.140$  g

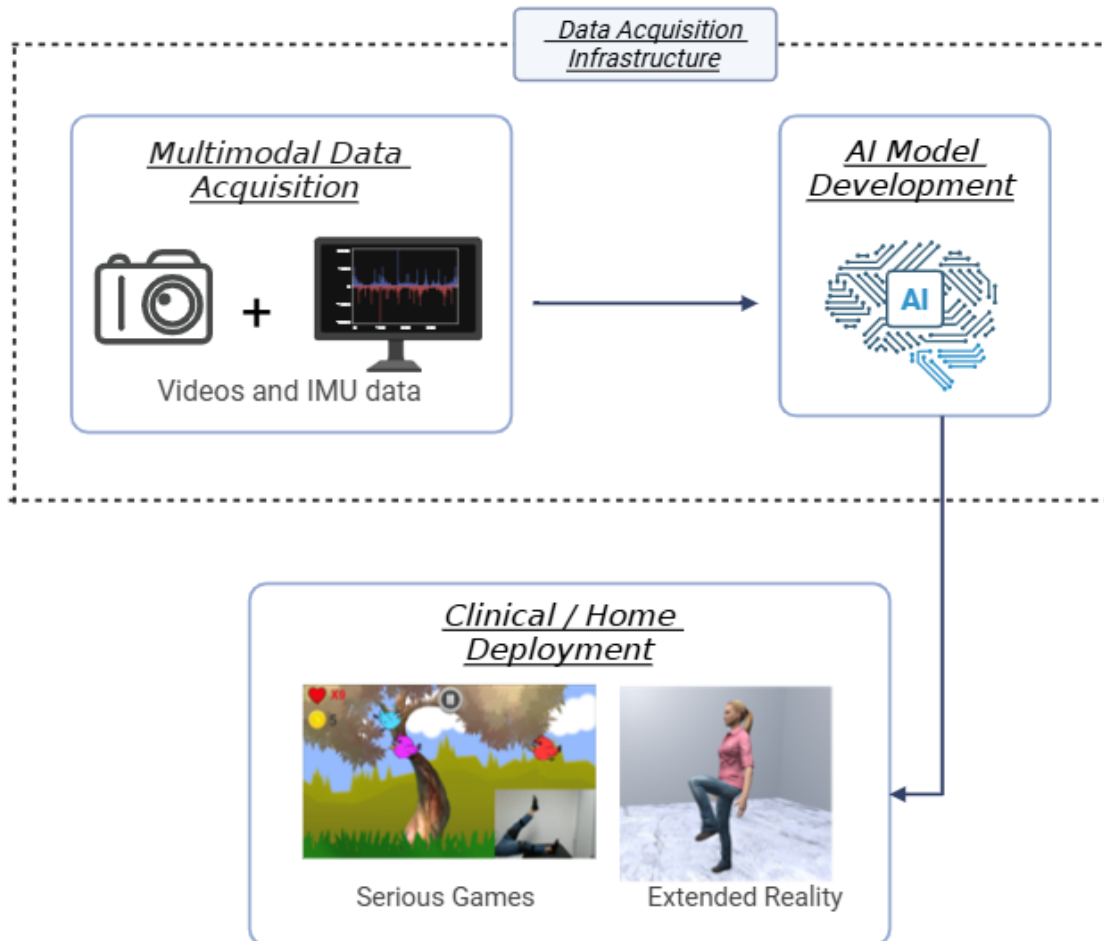
**PAE Z:** 0.505 g

# Towards an Ontology based Data Structuring



- ✓ Formal definition of exercises and variations.
- ✓ Explicit mapping of anatomical segments and sensor positions.
- ✓ Structured linkage between segment movements and game actions.
- ✓ Alignment with clinical standards (e.g., PACO, ICF, SNOMED CT, ICD-11).

# Towards an AI-Enabled Deployment



- ✓ Cross-modal synchronization validation
- ✓ Annotation & labeling
- ✓ AI model development for exercise classification

*“The proposed infrastructure serves as the foundation for scalable, AI-enabled rehabilitation systems.”*



# Thank you!

---



 ThrombUS<sup>+</sup>

Co-funded by the  
European Union

